

The [Kentucky Youth and Children's listserv](#) covers youth services news, programming, and continuing education. To join, email krista.king-oaks@ky.gov and ask to be added.

Summer Reading Updates

2019 "A Universe of Stories" Incentives Available from Demco

CSLP 2019 Incentive are available! If you have any questions please contact the CSLP offices.

<https://shopcslp.com/>

Regional Program Sharing Workshops

Please find below dates and locations of upcoming workshops; while emphasis will be on youth services, all programming librarians are welcome (agendas will be forthcoming). If there is not a workshop near you, and your library would be interested in hosting a programmers meeting for your [region](#) or immediate county area, please contact me off list. KDLA can assist your meeting through promotions, approving agendas for continuing education credit, and attendance by the youth services consultant or regional consultant (schedule permitting). Meetings do not have to revolve around summer reading – but it is a popular topic!

- *Thursday, February 28*
12 p.m. EST
Location: Jessamine County Public Library
Topic: Performers Roundtable/Programming & Booking for Summer Reading
RSVP: Kate Irwin, kirwin@jesspublib.org
- *Friday, March 8*
10 a.m. CST
Location: McLean County Public Library
Topic: Share & See with Science in Play 2 Go
RSVP: Angela Smith, mcleanoutreachprograms@gmail.com
- ~~Friday, March 1~~ **Rescheduled: Friday, May 3**
10 a.m. EST
Location: Lexington Public Library, Eastside Branch
Topic: All Ages, All Programmers welcome! Programming & Marketing Trends & Tips!
RSVP: Natalie Davis, ndavis@lexpublib.org
Directions: <https://goo.gl/maps/CFvTECiRkm>
- *Monday, March 4*
9 a.m. CST
Location: Adair County Public Library
Topics: Summer Reading Sharing
RSVP: Lee Ann Jesse, eanj2@yahoo.com
- *Friday, March 15*
10 a.m. EST
Location: Bell County Public Library, Pineville Branch
Topic: Summer Reading Sharing
RSVP: Jeanna Cornett, director@bellcpl.org

- **Friday, April 5**

10 a.m. EST

Location: Martin County Public Library

Topic: Summer Reading Sharing

RSVP: Tiffany Reynolds, tiffany.reynolds@ky.gov , KDLA Regional Librarian

Directions: <https://goo.gl/maps/C9JdgNK12242>

Grants & Scholarships

Ezra Jack Keats Foundation mini-grants: Deadline March 31

The EJK mini-grant offers funding of up to \$500 and the opportunity to design and implement a creative program for your library. Up to 70 grants of up to \$500 each will be awarded to qualifying teachers and librarians at public schools and libraries in the US. Learn more and apply: ezra-jack-keats.org/section/ezra-jack-keats-mini-grant-program-for-public-libraries-public-schools

ALA News

2019 TTT Giveaway!

We [opened](#) our 2019 Teens' Top Ten Giveaway today! We're giving away 50 sets of the 2019 Teens' Top Ten nominees to libraries in need, with funding provided by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, to celebrate the upcoming announcement of the [2019 Teens' Top Ten](#) nominees on April 11! Eligible applicants can apply for the giveaway via the [online form](#) now. Eligibility requirements apply. Learn more and [apply](#) by April 15!

Together with Día

El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day), commonly known as Día, is a celebration every day of children, families, and reading that culminates yearly on April 30. The celebration emphasizes the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds. For more information and to register your library on the national event map, visit ALA's website: <http://dia.ala.org/> Don't forget - REFORMA will award 5 mini-grants of \$300 to support a new or existing Día program that celebrates Latino culture. To apply complete the form at <https://www.reforma.org/dia-grants>

Library Tools & Trends

- **Podcast: Eric Klinenberg, Author of "Palaces for the People"** via [The Kitchen Sisters](#) (Note: *Klinenberg will be a keynote speaker at the 2019 KPLA Conference*)
- **2019 Picture Books: Feelings and Emotions** via [Jbrary](#)
- **Repetition in Storytime, Part 2** via [Jbrary](#) (Note: *Great planning documents!*)
- **Publishing Statistics on Children's Books about People of Color by People of Color Authors and Illustrators** via [Cooperative Children's Book Center](#)

Training Spotlight

KLA Early Childhood Roundtable session at KPLA Conference

The Early Childhood Round Table will meet on Thursday, March 28th at 3 pm in the Dixiana Room at the Marriott Griffin Gate. Plan on sharing early childhood events and programs taking place at your

Library, ideas for ways to grow and strengthen our Round Table, and outreach collaborations between your library, your community and your local public schools. For more information, contact Committee Chair, Bookie Wilson, Assistant Youth Services Librarian at Woodford County Library: bwilson@woodfordlibrary.org.

KPLA Youth Services Preconference Workshop – Seats Still Available

The Space Beyond the Comfort Zone: Courageous Conversations About Inclusion in KY Libraries

Register: <http://www.kpla.org/>

Your next favorite book could be a diverse read. The most meaningful program you've ever hosted could be one designed to authentically engage a diverse audience. However, if we as professionals aren't intentionally challenging ourselves to broaden our lenses, we--as well as the communities we are here to serve--may miss out on these experiences.

In this preconference, we will rise to this challenge in order to make space in our buildings and on our bookshelves for a more equitable representation of all children and families. Participants brave enough to acknowledge their own comfort zones and move beyond them will come away from the experience with an enriched understanding of why intentional inclusion is critical to the work of librarianship, empowered to embed inclusion in all aspects of their work, and excited to share what they discover with all members of their communities.

Morning Panel: Exemplary Outreach to Diverse Communities in KY Libraries

- Veronica Rainwater, Youth Services Manager, Warren County Public Library Topics: Overcoming cultural/linguistic barriers with movement programs; Girls of STEEL; Making general programs more inclusive
- Lindsay Mattingly, Multicultural Liaison, Lexington Public Library Topics: Rainbow storytime and outreach to LGBTQ communities; Outreach to immigrant and refugee communities
- Adriana Silva, Youth Services Associate, Boone County Public Library Topic: Outreach to Latinx and Spanish-speaking community

Afternoon Panel: Your Next Favorite Book! A Booktalking Bonanza of Diverse Reads

- Samya Monem, Children's Librarian, Lexington Public Library – PICTURE BOOKS
- Damara Blincoe, Branch Manager, Louisville Free Public Library – MIDDLE GRADE
- Pamela Jayne, Teen Librarian, Boone County Public Library – TEEN

Facilitator: Katie Scherrer

Katie Scherrer is a consultant, writer, early childhood education trainer, librarian, yoga teacher, and the founder of Stories, Songs, and Stretches!®, a yoga-inspired and science-informed school readiness startup. Katie began working in public libraries in 2005 and quickly discovered that her Spanish-language skills were in great demand. Completely unexpectedly, librarianship became her career and working with Latinx immigrant communities became her passion. At the same time, she discovered the practices of yoga and mindfulness, which slowly transformed her life into one of greater empowerment and less reactivity. Katie has been working as a consultant since 2012, helping libraries and educational organizations increase their inclusion of Latinx communities. She now travels across the country, sharing workshops on mindfulness, inclusion, yoga, and other related topics with librarians, educators, social workers, yoga teachers, and others who serve children and families. Her teaching style is encouraging

*and warm, while grounded in research and current best practices. Katie is an active member of ALSC (Association for Library Service to Children) and a lifetime member of REFORMA (The National Organization to Promote Library and Information Sciences to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking). She was a member of the 2013 Pura Belpré book award committee, and has published two books with the American Library Association, *Once Upon a Cuento: Bilingual Storytimes in English and Spanish* (coauthored with Jamie Campbell Naidoo) and *Stories, Songs, and Stretches! Creating Playful Storytimes with Yoga and Movement*. Find more [at www.connectedcommunitiesconsulting.com](http://www.connectedcommunitiesconsulting.com) and www.storiessongsandstretches.com.*

Important Dates/State & National Conferences

- [Kentucky Public Library Association Spring Conference](#): March 27-29, Lexington
- [Money Smart Week](#): March 30 – April 6
- [NASA Workshop](#): April 8-9, Kenton County Public Library, Erlanger
- [NAEYC Week of the Young Child](#), April 8-12
- [American Library Association Annual Conference](#): June 20-25, Washington D.C.
- [National Summer Learning Week](#): July 8-13
- [Kentucky Association of School Librarians Summer Refresher](#): July 15 & 16, Eminence
- Collaborative Summer Library Program Conference: September 16-20, Indianapolis
- Kentucky Library Association Fall Conference: October 15 & 16, Bowling Green
- [YALSA Symposium](#): November 1-3, Memphis

Just for Fun

Dog enjoys riding on his wheelie board via [Boing Boing](#)